



October 4, 2016

The following (Q&A) will serve as Amendment #2 to NYSIF's Request for Proposals (RFP) for Structured Products Analytic Systems, bid number 2016-27-INV. Material in this Amendment supersedes any contradictory material in the RFP.

Please note that the due date for the submission of bids **remains unchanged**.

All bids are due 11/1/16, by 2:00 p.m.(eastern).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alexandria Romano".

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Structured Products Analytic Systems

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Amendment 2

#	Question	NYSIF Response
1	<p>(Business Name Redacted) is a NY City based supplier of Structured Products Analytic Systems, specializing in two complex asset classes, Commercial Mortgage Backed Securities (“CMBS”) and Collateralized Loan Obligations (“CLO”). We do not work on consumer asset classes (RMBS, Credit-Cards, etc.)</p> <p>We have reviewed Section 4, Technical Specifications, subpart A, Mandatory Requirements. Our reading is that a bidder must cover all asset classes in order to meet the Technical Specifications.</p> <p>Is our interpretation correct, or would NYSIF consider a bid with only covered CMBS (Sec. 4(A)(1)(d)) and CLO (Sec 4(A)(1)(e))?</p>	<p>NYSIF will need to have access to the sectors that are specified in Technical Specifications, not Just CLO and CMBS.</p>
2	<p>In order to properly provide associated costs for this proposal can you define if the delivery requirement is for an front end or web based delivery system for cash flows and waterfalls; or is NYSIF looking for a service bureau engagement where the chosen vendor provides cash flows delivered on demand?</p> <p>For cash flow assumptions, will NYSIF be providing these or will the vendor be required to generate these?</p>	<p>It can be either front end or web base, as long as NYSIF can specify the assumptions and see the output from the system not a service bureau engagement. NYSIF will set up assumptions (for ex Speeds, Triggers, Rates, Delinquencies, Advances and etc.) and the system should be able to provide analytical output, including Cash flows, waterfall, average life, duration, convexity and etc.</p>
3	<p>For new issue deal models, will NYSIF be providing deal documents to the vendor for purposes of modeling?</p>	<p>No, the non settled new issues have to be available from a structuring dealer that markets the deal. This has to be a part of a new issue package that is being provided now by a sponsor/dealer.</p>
4	<p>Can NYSIF expand on what it requires for “creating and maintaining waterfalls”? Is it about providing an in-house system to model the underlying deal-level waterfall structure, or providing capabilities to consume and manipulate waterfall data?</p> <p>(Business Name Redacted) is dependent on external deal waterfall data to produce cash flows. (Business Name Redacted) models projected speeds and projected analytics in-house.</p>	<p>Deals will have to be updated on a monthly basis, when the remittance data is available from the underlying trustees.</p>
5	<p>By ‘marketing participants’, does NYSIF mean market participants e.g. users of the platform?</p>	<p>Users of the system - both from dealer community and buy-side community.</p>
6	<p>Page 7 states “NYSIF is seeking qualified firms to provide an analytic system to help analyze Securitized Fixed Income Securities.”</p> <p>a. In addition to a system that can help with analytics, would you have a need for ongoing non-IT support?</p> <p>b. Is the system used to analyze current positions held by the fund or will it also be used to make investment decisions?</p> <p>c. What is the expected deliverable? Is it a system generated report or opinion on analyzed securities?</p>	<p>NYSIF might need an ongoing support, such as response to questions regarding a specific deal waterfall, cash flows and/or analytic. The system will be used for both portfolio positions as well as to analyze other securities. The system should be able to generate cash flows and analytics, no opinion.</p>
7	<p>Page 17 states “accept and be compatible with “new issue” deal model files. These are files that are typically produced by the dealer structuring the deal prior to it being priced and launched”</p> <p>a. What format are these files in so we can gauge compatibility with our system?</p> <p>b. If our system is not compatible, would you consider modelling each deal as and when it is launched? This ties into question 1a. “on-going non-IT support.”</p>	<p>The system has to be used by a structuring dealer to model the new issue deals as part of the new issue marketing. NYSIF will not be able to model new issue deals.</p>
8	<p>Page 17 states “clients & users include top four (4) market participants.” Are we automatically disqualified if our program is not used by external firms?</p>	<p>Yes, this is a mandatory requirement for this RFP.</p>

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9	<p>Page 17 states “description should not be limited to how many deals out of total population are maintained within the system.”</p> <p>a. What is the total population?</p> <p>b. How many deals are you currently holding/monitoring using this system?</p>	<p>The population is not limited to NYSIF positions. Current population should represent all deals that were issued in the Structured Space in the sectors stated in Mandatory requirements.</p>
10	<p>Is this an extension to an existing requirement or is this a new, first time proposal?</p>	<p>Not material to this RFP.</p>
11	<p>Other than yields, what metrics will you need the system to generate?</p>	<p>All the fixed income analytics - such as Yield, Average Life, Duration, Convexity, Payment Window, Losses, Credit Enhancement, Break/Even Analysis, Cash Flows and etc.</p>
12	<p>Do you require a customizable-off-the-shelf or proprietary system?</p>	<p>NYSIF will use the system as is as long as it satisfies the RFP requirements, without customizations.</p>
13	<p>The RFP indicates a desired contract period of 5 years. Would NYSIF entertain longer or shorter contracts?</p>	<p>Per the RFP, "A five-year contract covering the services requested in this RFP is anticipated."</p>
14	<p>If hard copies are mailed to requested address, can electronic copies be submitted via secure email?</p>	<p>Per the RFP, "Bid submission must also include one (1) exact electronic copy (<u>CD/DVD-rom or USB flash drive</u>) of the proposal."</p>
15	<p>Does the bidder certification form need to be notarized? Does NYSIF require any other forms to be notarized?</p>	<p>The Bidder Certification form needs to be notarized. Appendix E and F should also be notarized and sent back with your bid. In addition, the awarded contractor will be required to complete and notarize the ST-220-CA and ST-220-TD prior to contract execution.</p>